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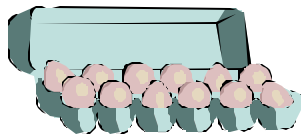
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Boston, prices were unchanged to lower on large. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged to higher in all areas, except for New York and Chicago. The market tone was mostly steady. Demand into all outlets was moderate to instances good, best where features were in progress. Supplies were closely balanced to adequate on all sizes. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate for the moderate to good demand. Light type hens were adequate for slaughter needs.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 4.5 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to 3.5 cents higher on mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 2 cents lower on large and unchanged on the remainder of sizes, when based on previous week average prices. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was moderate to at times good, best where features were in progress. Supplies were in balance to adequate. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the moderate demand. Light type hens were adequate for slaughter requirements.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was moderate to instances good, best where items were featured. Supplies were in balance to adequate.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were sharply higher for the larger sizes, up 6 to 7 cents for medium, and were unchanged for small. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were not changed. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was mostly moderate. Food service movement was fair to good. Supplies were adequate for the larger sizes and mixed, mostly adequate to fully adequate, for the balance. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were usually adequate for the moderate to good demand. Schedules were full-time. Floor stocks were in balance to adequate. The trade sentiment was steady.

**CHICAGO** All prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail and distributive movement moderate to fairly good, best where features are a factor. Supplies of all sizes adequate to in close balance.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta prices were higher. In Florida prices were higher on medium and larger sizes. Elsewhere prices unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail demand was moderate to good entering the week. Supplies were generally adequate for all sizes. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending July 28, 2000, was 63.27 cents, 7.82 cents more than the week before, but 16.55 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies that were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were adequate for processor's needs.

**WESTERN** Prices 5 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 3 cents higher on medium and small in California; 3 cents higher on all sizes in the Northwest. The Pacific region inventory was 5% higher than last Monday with California up 5% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 4%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings adequate.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	98-100	87-89	63-65
New York	69-71	66-69	50-53
Philadelphia	66-69	64-67	48-50
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	62-63	60.5-62	41-42
Jackson (1)	72-73	69-70	50-51
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	71-83	67-81	47-61
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	59-64	58-63	42-47
Detroit (2)	59-62	58-61	38-41
Major Ohio Cities (2)	57-63	56-62	39-45
Major Wisconsin Cities	63-70	61-68	42-49
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	79-82	74-76	54-57
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	99	90	76

(1) - Prices reported weekly

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(3) - Reported Invoice prices

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 5 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 3 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 5% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand fair. Offerings adequate. Small invoice price 56. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 89-99.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE	
JUMBO	120
EXTRA LARGE	99
LARGE	90
MEDIUM	76
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.	
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE	
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-279
LARGE	199-209
MEDIUM	187-199
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE	
JUMBO	239-259
EXTRA LARGE	209-249
LARGE	189-229
MEDIUM	149-189

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 04, 2000 will decrease by 15 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 28, 2000 were 233,571 cases which was 5 percent above the prior week and 6 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	197,218	36,353	233,571

% change from the prior week..... +7 -1 +5  
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate to good with offerings usually adequate for current needs. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	34-38	36-37
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	20-23	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were lower compared to the past week. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was barely steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-JUL-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3-9	4-7	6.42

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules for current week are normal to heavy. The market tone continued to be barely steady to weak.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-JUL-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	1.75-9.75	2.75-7	5.30
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM July 31,2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.0	13.6	4.7	9.6	8.9	46.8
	Change	1.7	2.5	0.4	1.6	-0.2	15%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.2	31.9	9.2	25.7	17.3	105.3
	Change	-0.7	2.1	0.9	2.8	0.5	6%
Large	Curr Wk	34.0	70.8	43.1	70.2	74.9	293.0
	Change	-5.2	5.7	7.8	18.2	5.5	12%
Medium	Curr Wk	8.5	26.3	15.1	25.8	23.3	99.0
	Change	-0.9	1.8	-0.9	2.4	0.0	2%
Small	Curr Wk	5.8	9.3	2.4	9.0	4.7	31.2
	Change	-0.8	1.1	-0.5	1.5	-2.1	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.2	21.6	7.9	11.0	7.3	53.0
	Change	0.0	1.9	0.9	0.6	1.1	9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.9	47.2	16.0	31.5	37.7	150.3
	Change	-7.1	-9.5	-1.4	1.4	3.2	-8%
Total	Curr Wk	102.6	220.7	98.4	182.8	174.1	778.6
Percent	Change	-11%	3%	8%	18%	5%	5%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators	

Shell Egg	778.6	5%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	447.5	3%	39

Total Shell Egg	1226.1	4%	210
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the ADJUSTED 5-area total for the previous week is 742.3. The adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 17, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	169	165.9	156.9	109.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JULY 17, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	132	132	122	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 28, 2000

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
18.50								31.00				49.50			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	—	—	43.50	45.00	—	—	5.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 3	29.00	—	—	32.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	49.50	—	—	—	—	60.14	2.75
GL W XL	—	—	—	52.00	49.50	—	3.50	GL W LG	48.61	—	—	55.00	—	58.00	10.75
GL W LG	—	—	47.00	49.00	47.83	—	11.50	GL W MD	—	—	29.00	—	—	35.00	1.00
GL W MD	—	—	32.00	33.00	—	—	7.00	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	22.50	26.50	.75
NRBS - 50	—	—	34.00	35.50	—	—	.75								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.00								
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	14.00	16.50	1.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/22/00-07/28/00

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
113.75								95.25				209.00			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	39.00	51.64	43.50	44.25	—	—	57.00	GNR W 1	—	53.07	—	—	—	—	35.00
GNR W 2	—	47.00	—	—	41.00	44.00	10.00	GNR W 2	—	51.33	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR W 3	30.00	—	31.50	33.00	31.50	—	5.50	GNR W 3	—	35.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	47.00	—	—	1.75	GL W XL	48.32	—	—	—	—	58.35	9.50
GNR BR 2	—	—	45.00	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	49.38	55.00	—	55.00	—	57.67	19.75
GL W XL	—	54.89	48.50	51.50	48.08	—	23.75	GL W MD	30.83	46.60	29.00	—	—	36.67	5.50
GL W LG	—	54.50	46.00	47.67	48.86	52.00	29.00	GL W SM	20.00	—	—	—	22.50	25.64	1.75
GL W MD	—	—	32.89	34.00	30.00	31.00	15.50	NRBS - 48	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W SM	20.75	22.63	21.36	23.71	—	—	3.75	NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	34.00	35.50	—	—	.75								
NRBS - 48	—	—	31.00	33.00	35.50	36.78	40.00								
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	14.00	17.50	2.00								

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 07/16/00 - 07/22/00**

Origin State	AR	CA	CO	IN	IA	MN	MO	OH	OR	TX	UT	WA	TOTAL
N. CA	0	0	0	0	3,230	0	903	0	1,282	0	840	0	6,255
C. CA	0	0	1,152	0	4,168	0	0	870	0	0	4,548	1,056	11,794
S. CA	1,582	2,520	3,224	600	7,726	2,390	1,600	3,298	0	930	2,302	0	26,172
TTL STATE	1,582	2,520	4,376	600	15,124	2,390	2,503	4,168	1,282	930	7,690	1,056	44,221

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
119-122	79-82	68-71	44-47	15-18

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
67-70	58-64	56-61	36-41	22-26

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
39-41	24-26	12-14

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
74.57	55.74	41.18

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	7/24/00	7/17/00	7/27/99
PACIFIC COAST	784	78	271
LOS ANGELES	707	0	253

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS** PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR JULY 25, 2000:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.36
LARGE	143-150	148.14
MEDIUM	124-135	132.10
SMALL	105-109	106.04

Receipts from the mainland: 7/16/00-7/22/00  
30-dozen cases 3,966

Receipts from the mainland: 7/9/00-7/15/00  
30-dozen cases 3,348

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